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PRESENTS:

# THE NEW MUTANTS™

HOURS AGO, DANIELLE MOONSTAR WALKED ALONE INTO THE SNOW-SWEPT NIGHT TO FACE THE DEMON BEAR THAT HAD SLAIN HER PARENTS WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD.

HER FRIENDS AND TEAMMATES--THE NEW MUTANTS (FELLOW STUDENTS AT CHARLES XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS)--FOUND HER BROKEN BODY.

IT WAS A MIRACLE THE YOUNG CHEYENNE SURVIVED TO REACH THE LOCAL HOSPITAL. THE DOCTORS' PROGNOSIS, AS THEY RUSHED HER INTO SURGERY, WASN'T HOPEFUL.

BUT THE BEAR WASN'T DONE WITH DANI. IT CAME FOR HER AGAIN--

--ONLY TO FIND THE NEW MUTANTS READY TO GIVE THEIR LIVES IN HER DEFENSE. WHILE THE DOCTORS REMAINED OBLIVIOUS TO THE BATTLE RAGING THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING, DANI'S FRIENDS, THOUGH HARD-PRESSED, PROVED THEMSELVES A MATCH FOR THEIR MYSTIC FOE...

...UNTIL, WITHOUT WARNING, THE BEAR ENVELOPED THEM ALL IN A SPELL WHICH TRANSPORTED THEM ALL FROM EARTH...

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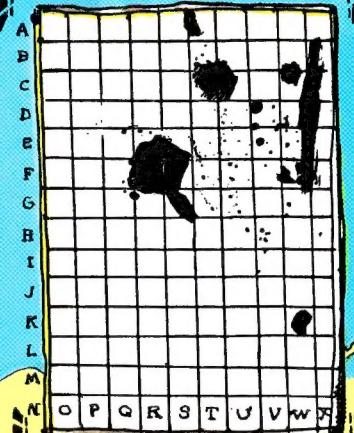
-DARKNESS DESCENDS-

-A view from 20,000 feet-

...TO THE BEAR'S  
OWN DOMAIN...

A VIRGIN AMERICA,  
UNTouched BY THE  
WHITE INVADERS FROM  
ACROSS THE SEA. A  
PURE, UNSpoiled LAND--  
RICH WITH POWER.

THE BEAR IS PART OF THE NATURAL SCHEME OF THINGS HERE--  
YET AT THE SAME TIME, APART FROM IT, AN ABOMINATION,  
A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND ORDER TWISTED INTO A LOATHSOME  
TRAVESTY OF ITS TRUE SELF, ITS VERY PRESENCE CORRUPTING  
THE EARTH LIKE A PLAGUE.



scale - 1  $\square = \frac{1}{2}$  mile  
Black areas represent  
areas of land consumed by  
Demon-Bear's shadow -

- A -  
CHRONICLE  
OF THE  
NEW MUTANTS  
brought to you by -  
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and

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the editor  
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the editor  
who is much  
taller, and  
coincidentally,  
CHIEF

# BAD LANDS.



IN THAT  
GLOBE--AH CAN  
SEE DANI!

IT'S A BRIDGE,  
SAM, BETWEEN  
THIS WORLD AND  
OUR OWN. SO  
FAR, THE MAGICKAL  
WARDS I PLACED  
AROUND THE  
OPERATING ROOM  
ARE KEEPING THE  
BEAR AT BAY, BUT I  
DON'T KNOW HOW  
LONG THEY'LL  
LAST!

THE CREATURE HAS  
OFFICER CORST AND  
NURSE FRIEDLANDER  
AS ITS PRISONERS.  
ILLYANA--IS THERE  
NOTHING YOU  
CAN DO?!

MY SORCEROUS  
POWERS ARE LIMITED  
BACK HOME, 'BERTO--  
BUT THIS SEEMS TO BE  
A MOSTLY MAGICKAL  
REALM. I'LL TRY  
MY BEST--!

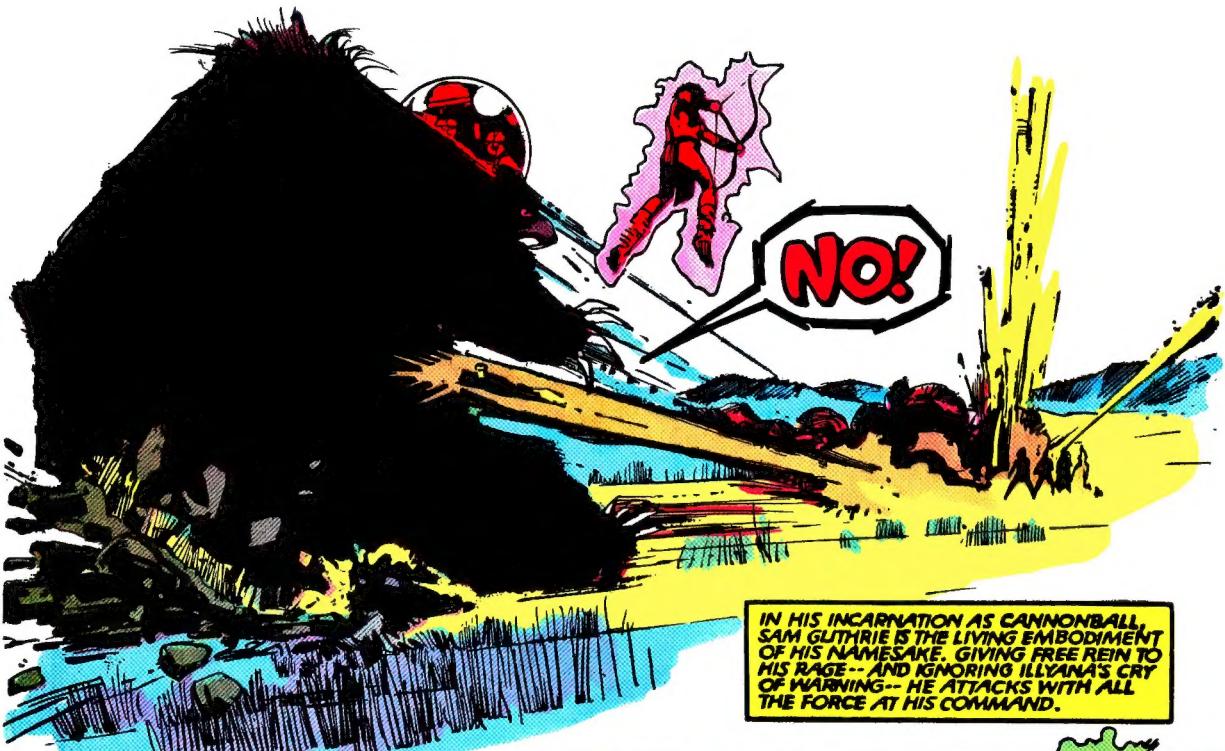
NO, 'BERTO--  
THA'S NA' RIGHT!  
HOW DARE WE  
TRUST ILLYANA--  
WHEN SHE'S AS  
MUCH A DEMON  
AS YON BEAR?!

BEFORE ILLYANA RASPUTIN  
CAN EVEN BEGIN HER  
ENCHANTMENTS, HOWEVER...

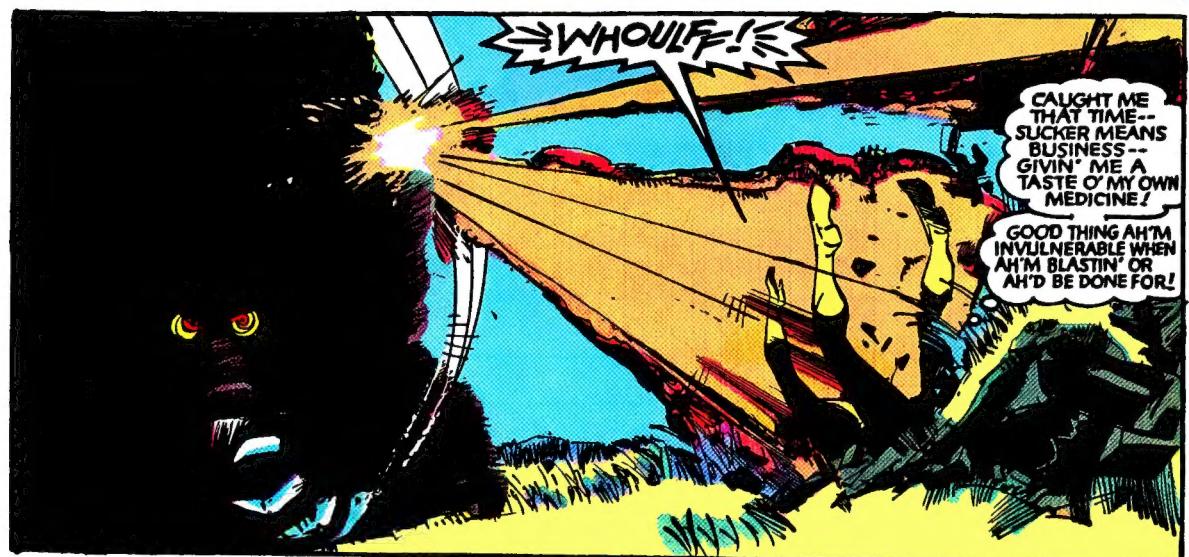
..THE MONSTROUS  
AVATAR STRIKES...

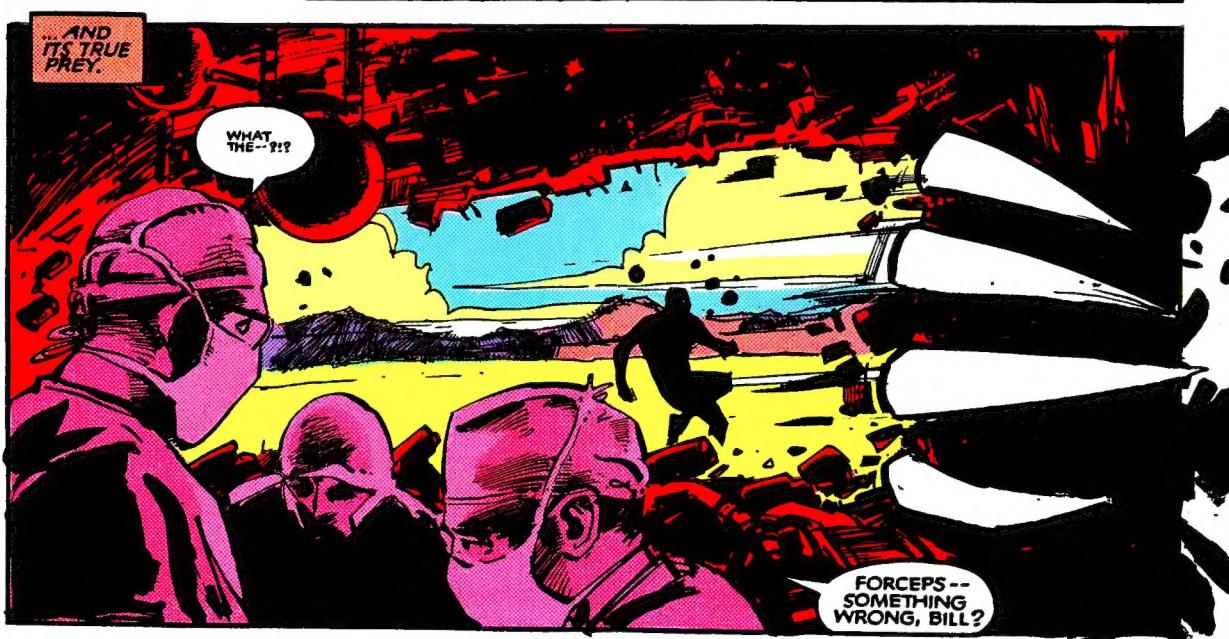
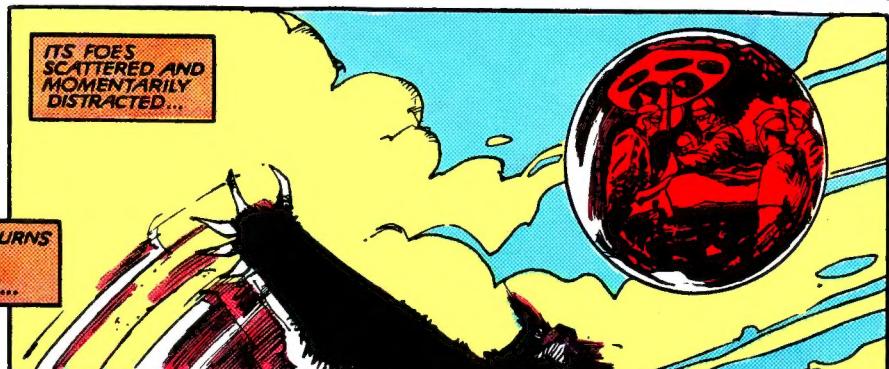
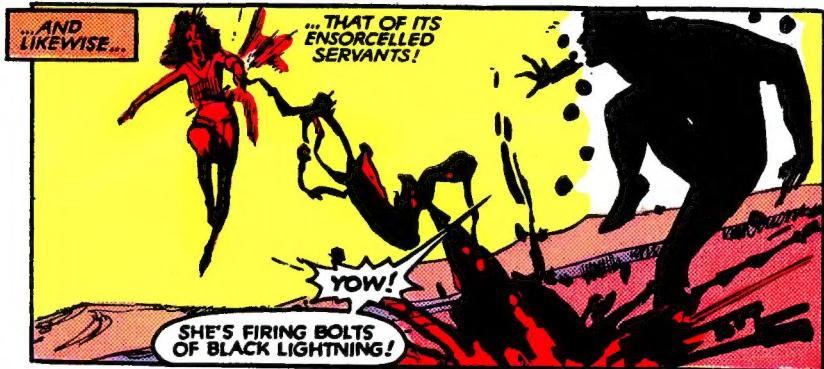
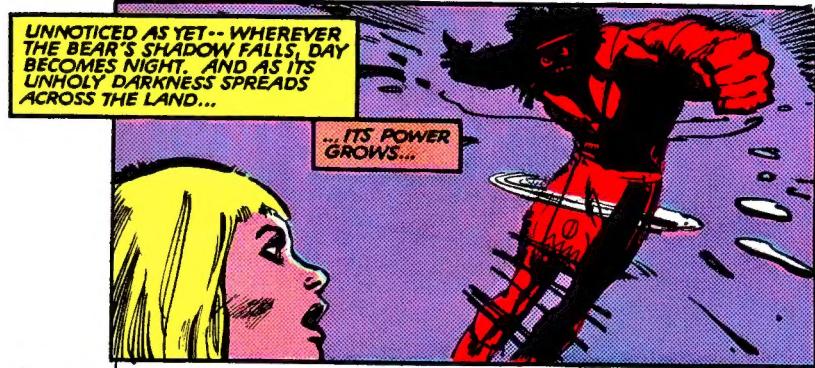
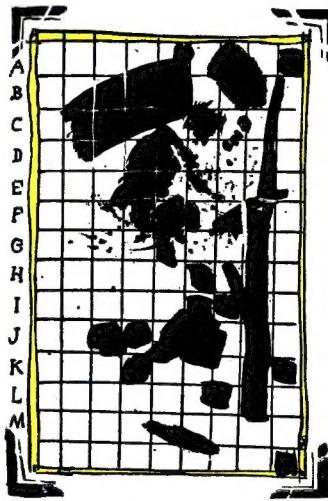
ITS CLAWS DOING NO  
HARM TO THE BODIES OF  
ITS HELPLESS CAPTIVES...

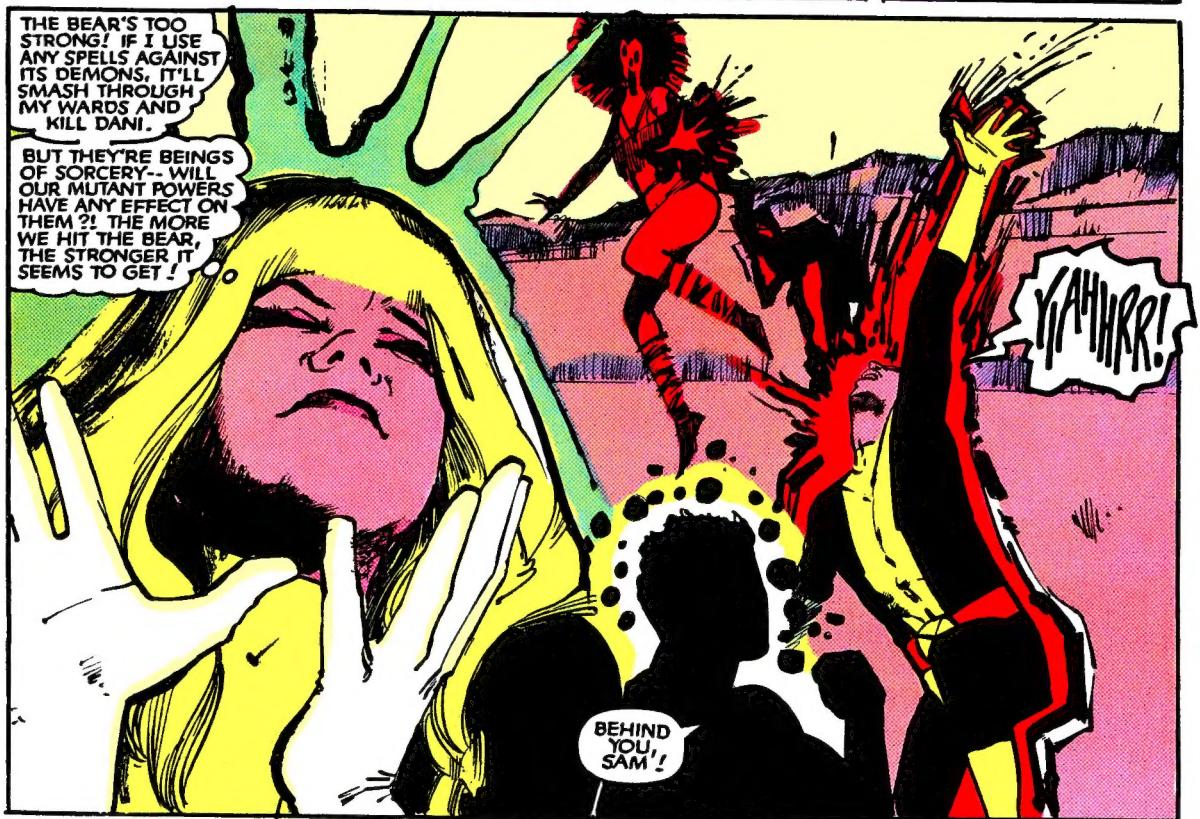
..ONLY  
TO THEIR  
SOULS.

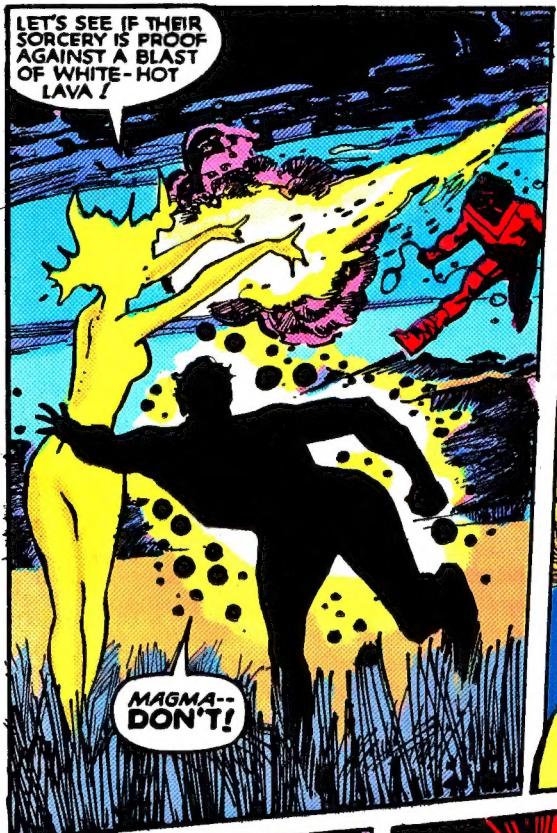


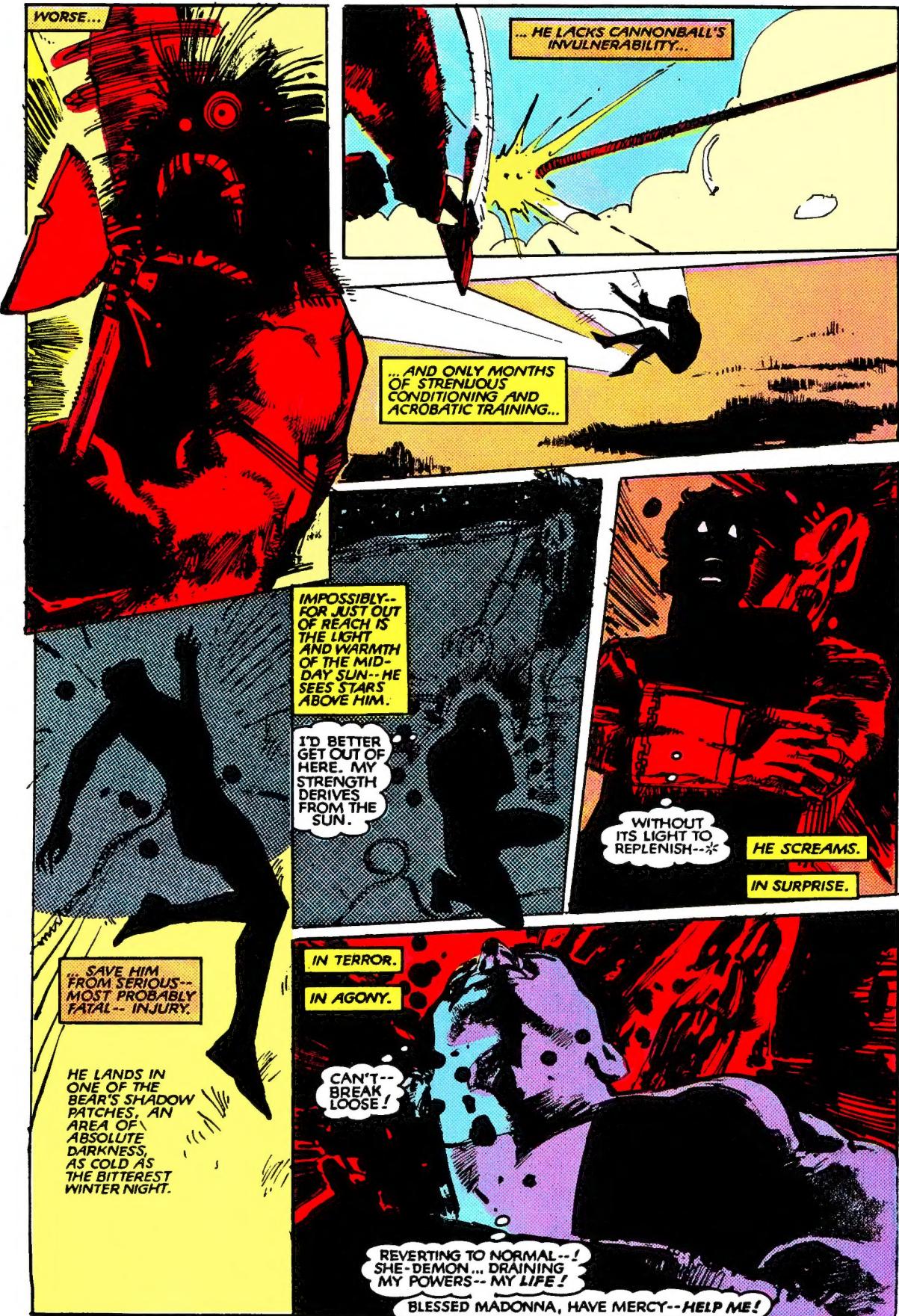
IN HIS INCARNATION AS CANNONBALL,  
SAM GUTHRIE IS THE LIVING EMBODIMENT  
OF HIS NAMESAKE, GIVING FREE REIN TO  
HIS RAGE-- AND IGNORING ILLYANA'S CRY  
OF WARNING-- HE ATTACKS WITH ALL  
THE FORCE AT HIS COMMAND.











SALVATION COMES  
IN THE FORM OF A  
FEISTY, RUSSET-  
HUED SCOTS WERE-  
WOLF-- RAHNE  
SINCLAIR.

SHE GOES  
FOR THE  
DEMON'S  
THROAT...

...AND IS RELIEVED-- YET ALSO FURIOUS-- WHEN  
HER PREY TWISTS AWAY BEFORE SHE CAN DRAW  
BLOOD.

SHE FEELS  
STRANGELY...  
CHEATED.

A BOW APPEARS FROM NOWHERE-- THE DEMONS'  
MYRIAD WEAPONS AND ABILITIES CONJURED BY  
THEM AS AND WHEN NEEDED--

-- BUT BEFORE  
AN ARROW CAN  
BE LOOSED  
INTO RAHNE'S  
HEART...

SHIFT TO HUMAN  
FORM, RAHNE!

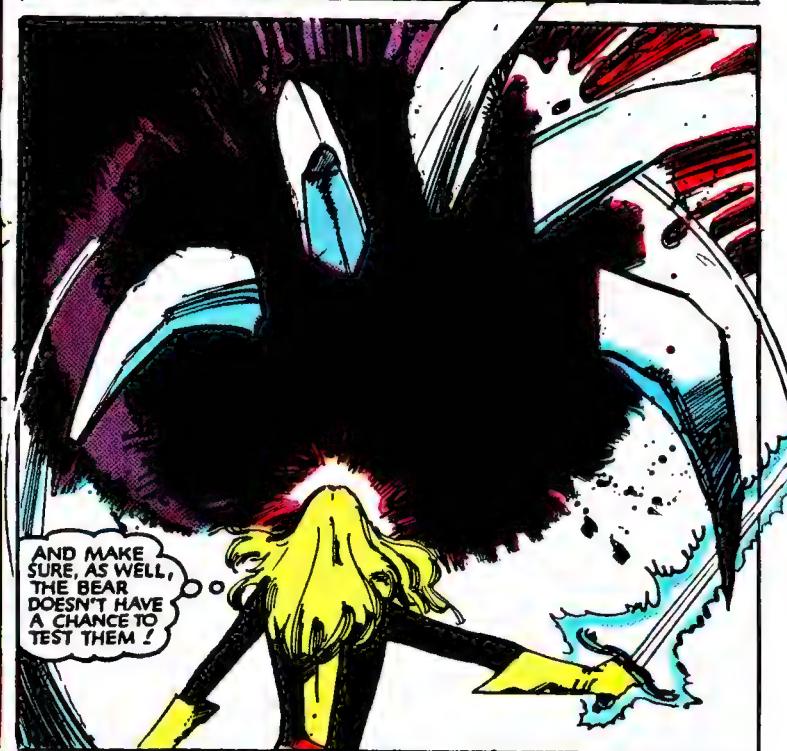
GET  
ROBERTO  
OUT OF  
THESE  
SHADOWS!

LEAVE THE  
DEMON--  
NNGNH!

AMARA  
FORGETS  
THERE  
ARE TWO  
OF THEM.

AND THAT  
THE BEAR...

...HAS THE  
POWER ...



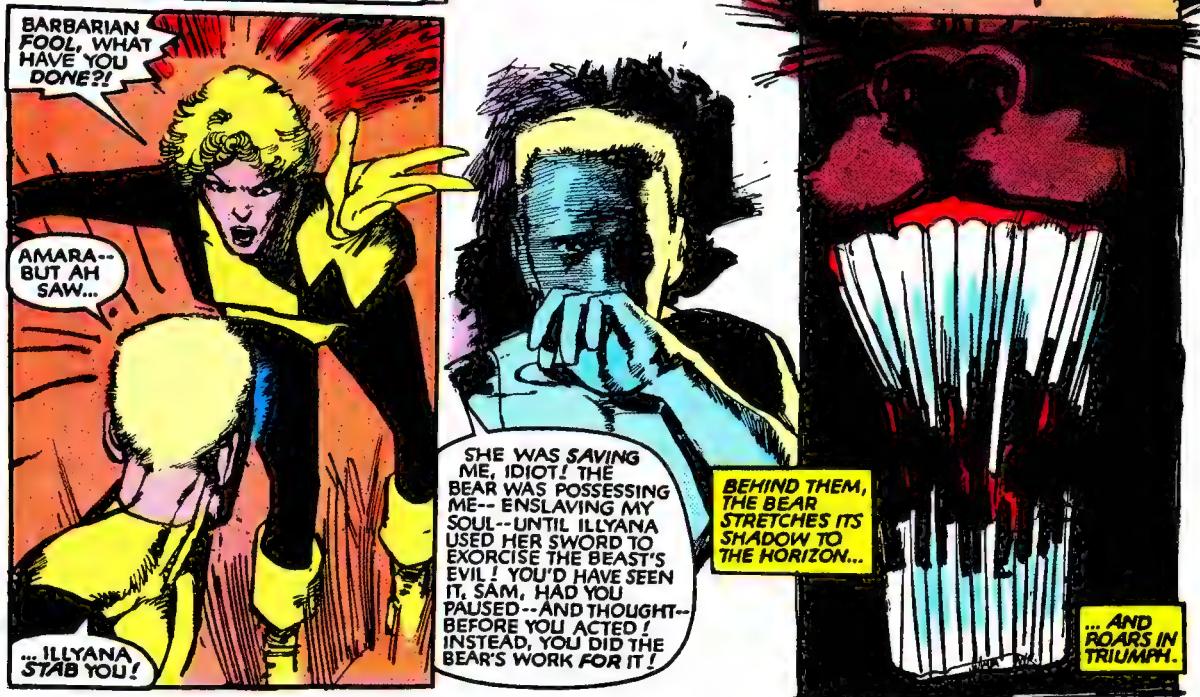
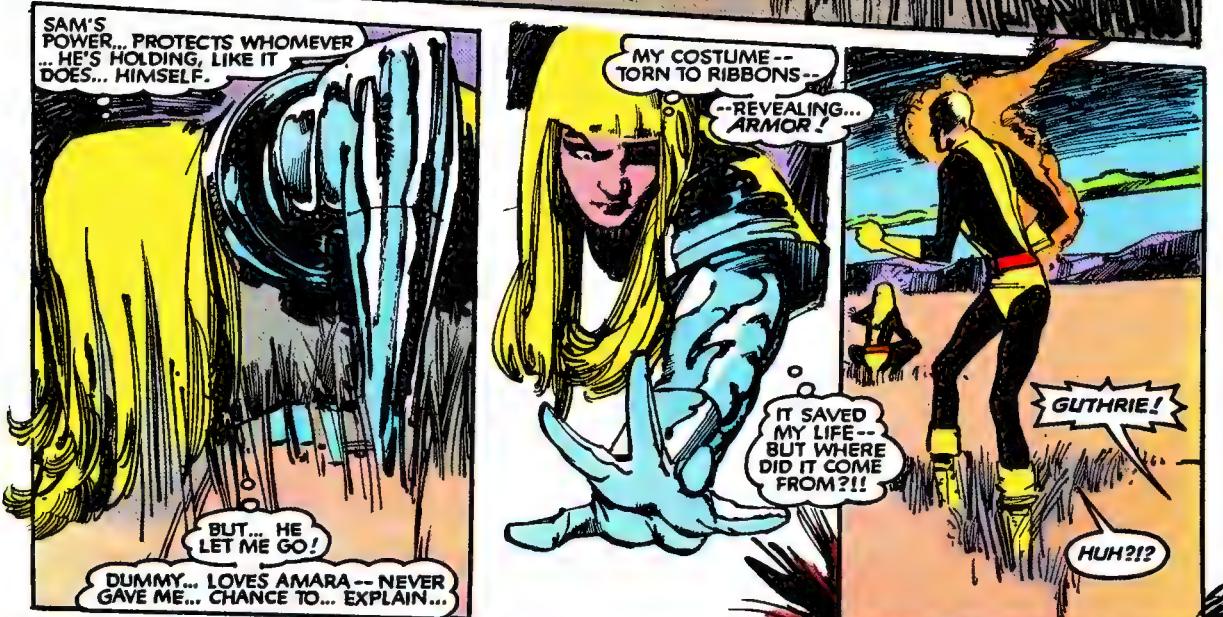
THE ELDritch BLADE IS PUREST SILVER, SO BRIGHT HUMAN EYES CAN'T ENDURE TO LOOK AT IT. IT IS THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF ILLYANA'S SORCEROUS POWER-- HER SOUL PERSONIFIED.

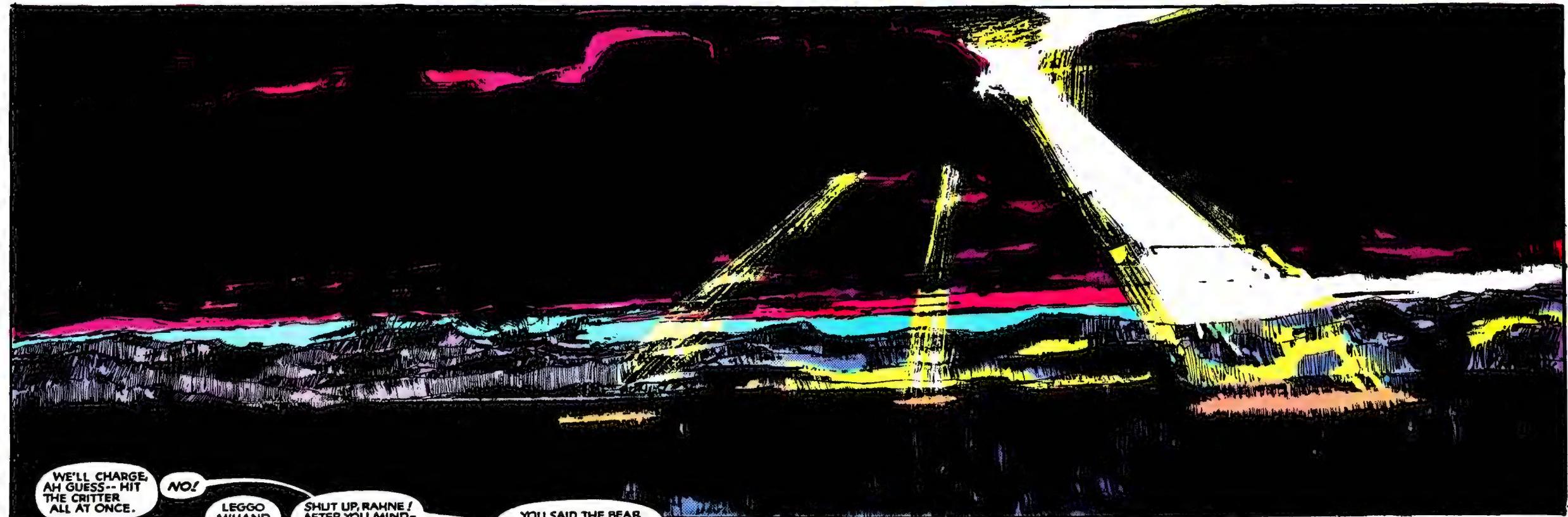
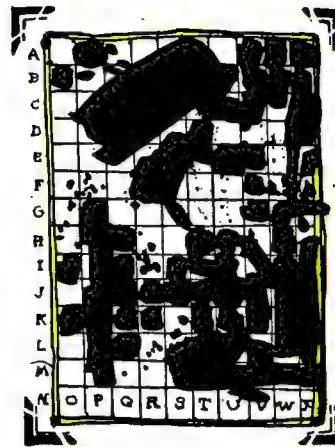
NO SPELL--  
AND FEW MYSTIC BEINGS-- CAN ENDURE ITS TOUCH.

I'VE CRIPPLED THE MONSTER--  
BUT NOT FOR LONG! ALREADY,  
I CAN SENSE IT DRAWING  
ENERGY FROM THE WORLD  
AROUND IT, THE PARTS IT'S  
TAINTED, TO RESTORE ITSELF.

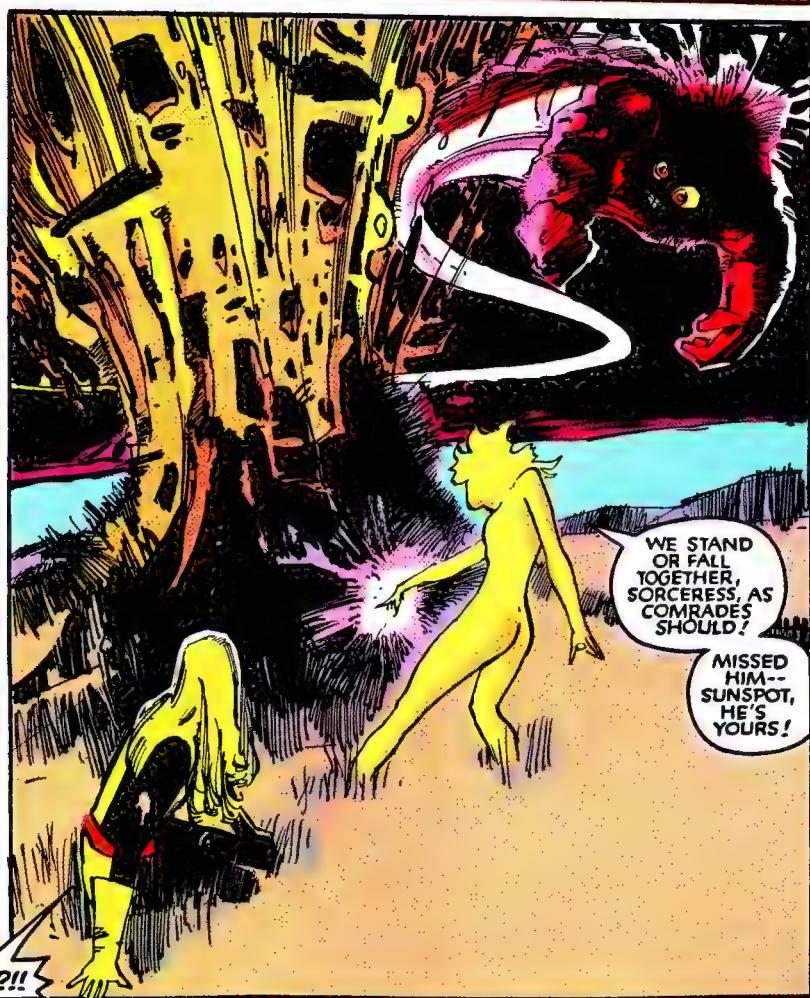
BY THEN,  
THOUGH, MY  
WORK WILL  
BE DONE.  
AND AMARA'S  
SOUL WILL  
BE FREE.

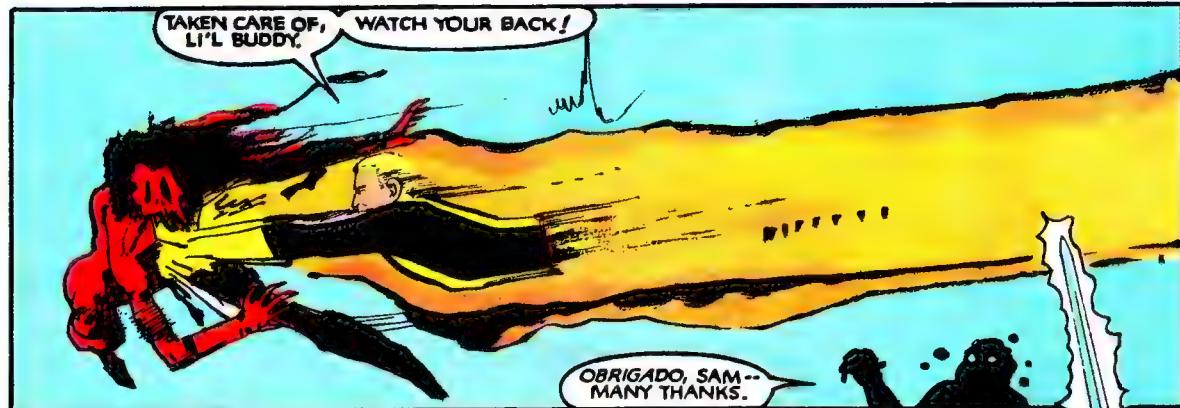
AMARA!!





BUT EVEN AS  
THE DECISION  
IS MADE,  
RAHNE'S PROBE  
BEGUN...



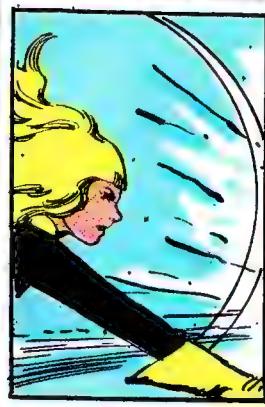






AT THE LAST, THEIR EYES MEET-- HERS AND THE BEAR'S--

--AND SHE HESITATES.

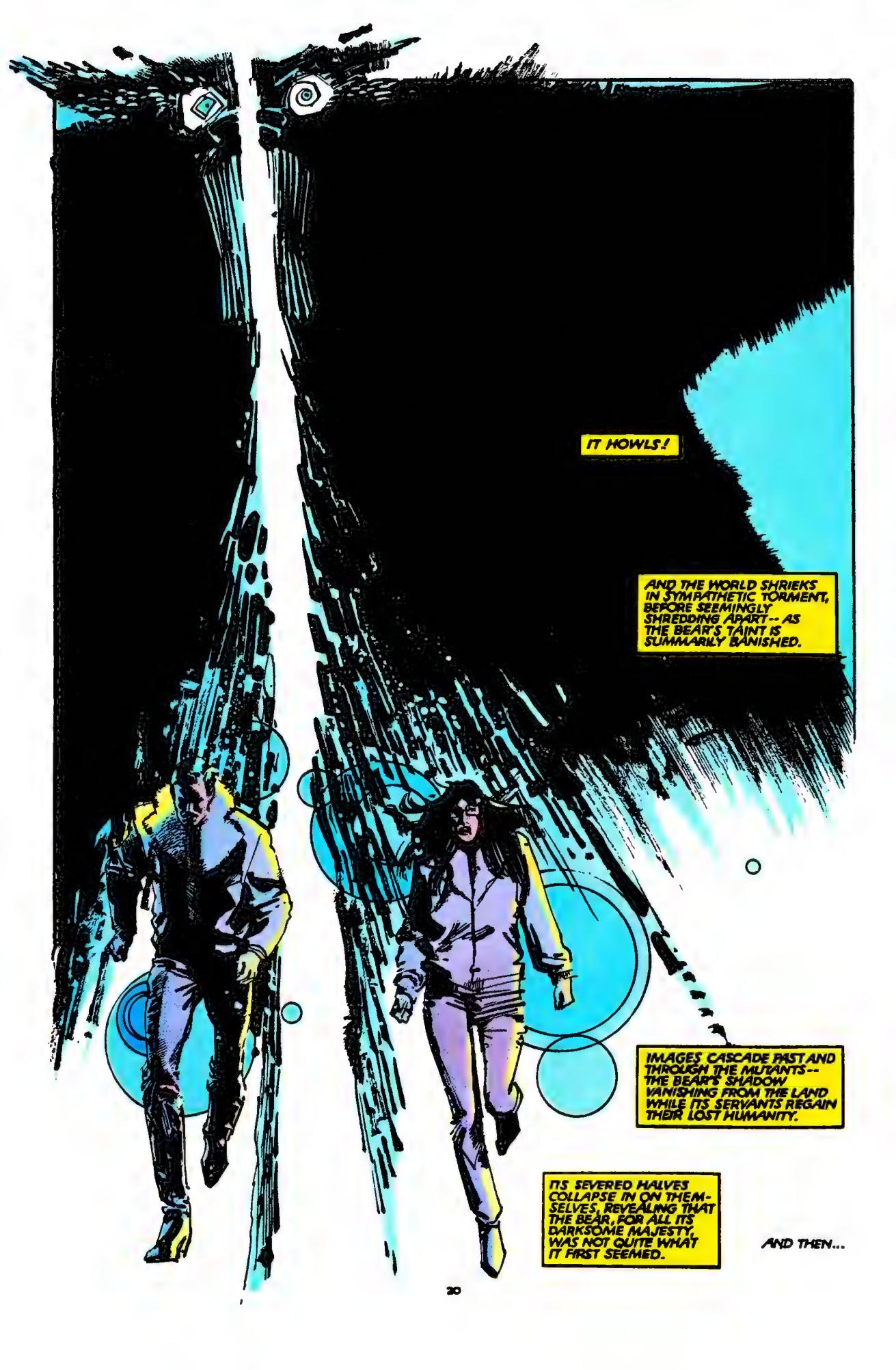


THE BEAR DWARFS HER TO THE POINT OF INSIGNIFICANCE, ITS DAEMONIC NATURE KIN TO THE EVIL WITHIN HER OWN SOUL. IT IS AS ANCIENT AS THE PLANET-- A MALEFICENCE THAT HAS EVER BEEN, SHALL EVER BE...



... WHILE ILLYANA, FOR ALL HER DREAD POWER, IS STILL VERY MUCH A CHILD. WHAT HOPE HAS SHE TO EVEN MATCH HER FOE, MUCH LESS OVERCOME IT?

THEN, WITH A CRY TORN FROM THE CORE OF HER BEING-- SOULSWORD RADIATING SO MUCH RAW ENERGY IT TURNS NIGHT TO DAY-- SHE SPLITS THE MONSTER'S SKULL !



IT HOWLS!

AND THE WORLD SHRIEKS  
IN SYMPATHETIC TORMENT,  
BEFORE SEEMINGLY  
SHREDDING APART-- AS  
THE BEAR'S TAINT IS  
SUMMARILY BANISHED.

IMAGES CASCADE FAST AND  
THROUGH THE MUTANTS--  
THE BEAR'S SHADOW  
VANISHING FROM THE LAND  
WHILE ITS SERVANTS REGAIN  
THEIR LOST HUMANITY.

ITS SEVERED HALVES  
COLLAPSE IN ON THEM-  
SELVES, REVEALING THAT  
THE BEAR, FOR ALL ITS  
DARKSOME MAJESTY,  
WAS NOT QUITE WHAT  
IT FIRST SEEMED.

AND THEN...

# Bullpen Bulletins

## JIM STARLIN TRIED TO KILL ME!

In the very first issue of *Dreadstar*, a column I wrote was published, telling of a perilous trip by innertube down the rapids of the mighty Esopus river, conducted by Mr. James Starlin, during which I nearly lost my tube and might have drowned. Jim, I thought, kicked my tube back toward me at that critical moment, thereby saving me from a watery death, or at least embarrassment.

I was wrong.

The tube-kicking, it seems clear now, was an accident. Or, perhaps he meant to kick it away from me and simply through egomaniac, blundering incompetence mistakenly kicked it the "wrong" direction.

No matter. His true colors have, at last, been shown — and they bear, my friends, the well-known symbolic image of death . . . *Mr. Yuck!* Or something like that.

A month or so ago, Jim again lured me to his palatial country estate, this time for "a relaxing weekend of winter sport."

He took me snowmobiling. My first time. Rocketing along mountain goat-trails completely out of control at sixty miles an hour — that, I didn't mind.

It was a little worrisome when Jim's co-conspirator, one Berni Wrightson, a highly skilled and experienced snowmobiler hurtled headlong off the trail and slaughtered a thicket of what one day would have been mighty oaks with his machine and his body.

What a mess.

Undaunted, trusting my "friend" Jim Starlin, I followed him onward, leaving Berni's corpse in the corpse (or so we thought — later, it turned out, he survived. The corpse was the only corpse).

Starlin led me at high speed to the very peak of Mt. Macho.

For a moment, we stopped, poised on the brink of a sheer cliff. Then, seeing a certain weird, evil gleam in his eyes, I said those three fatal, famous last words . . .

"You're not serious . . ."

Next thing I knew, I was plunging down a vertical cliff face, five hundred yards straight down, clinging to what might as well have been a large, hi-tech metal sculpture by Skidoo. I'm not going to say he *pushed* my machine over the precipice, because it all happened so fast — who can really be sure? But, I submit to you, that no sane individual would take that plunge un-pushed, or of his own free will.

Which is why Starlin followed me over of his own free will, shrieking his "death laugh" (patent pending) like the hysterical, crazed maniac he is.

Of course, he merely followed to cover up his deed — to make it look as though we'd both just gotten foolishly, suicidally careless. He, no doubt, was counting on that uncanny invulnerability which protects raving lunatics to save his life!

Ah, but fate cheated him. He survived all right, but somehow, as I plummeted, feeling all the while like Wile E. Coyote, I maintained control — and, as the cliff curved out into rocky meadow, I was still in the saddle, facing (as Stan Lee often commanded) front. I rode it out, and made it down the mountain.

The whole experience was worth it — because now I know. I know!

Jim Starlin is a killer.

Now, at last, I understand *Dreadstar*.



**Vanth Dreadstar vs. the Lord High Papal** — to the death, of course! But, you'll never guess the ultimate outcome! Nothing will ever be the same again after "Resolution" in issue #14 of *Dreadstar*, on sale in early July at your local comics specialty store. Just \$1.50.

## CHECK LIST

- THE THING #16
- DAREDEVIL #211
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- DAZZLER #34
- KA-ZAR #34 — What happens to a comic book character when his book is cancelled? Well, you can find out here . . . 'cause this is the last issue of Ka-Zar.
- MARVEL SUPER HEROES SECRET WARS (Limited Series) #6
- WEST COAST AVENGERS (Limited Series) #2
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- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #257 — The secret of Spidey's new costume revealed!
- CAPTAIN AMERICA #298
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- POWER PACK #3
- MICRONAUTS: THE NEW VOYAGES #1 — Now available on newsstands! See Hype Box.
- DOCTOR STRANGE #67

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- THE LAST STAR FIGHTER (Limited Series) #1, 2 & 3 — The world's greatest video game player is appointed savior of the universe! Really! Adapted from the new movie.
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- AVENGERS #248
- CONAN THE BARBARIAN #163
- MARVEL TALES #168 — Never before reprinted . . . until now! "Never Step on A Scorpion," by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, first presented in Amazing Spider-Man #29!
- ROM #59
- POWER MAN/IRON FIST #110
- G.I. JOE #28
- KULL THE CONQUEROR #6 — Now bi-monthly!
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- X-MEN #186 — Illustrated by guest-artists Barry Windsor-Smith and Terry Austin!
- FANTASTIC FOUR #271
- MARVEL TEAM-UP #146 — Featuring Spider-Man and Nomad.

By the way, watch for our full-color video presentation! It brings you up to date on all that has gone before in the entire Metamorphosis Odyssey-Dreadstar series! And it includes a shocking interview with Berni Wrightson in regards to his absolutely magnificent *Frankenstein* illustrated novell! It's probably being shown at your local comics shop now! If it's not, demand it!

## HYPE BOX

### MACHINE MAN (Limited Series)

#1 — You think you're grouchy after oversleeping? Then check out Machine Man — he's been asleep for nearly 40 years, and is he fit to be tied! It's now the year 2020, but some things never change. For instance, Gears Garvin is still alive and kicking, and there's this second-generation super hero running around who looks awfully familiar! Who is he? Why did Machine Man sleep so long? And will he remember to set his alarm clock properly next time? For the answers to these and other vital questions of our day, be sure to read "He Lives Again," written by TOM DeFALCO, with lay-outs by HERB TRIMPE and finishes by BARRY WINDSOR-SMITH!

### MICRONAUTS: THE NEW VOYAGES

#1 — Who are the Makers, anyway? That's what the Micronauts want to know. Suffice it to say, though, that when the Makers finally do reveal themselves . . . the Microverse will never be the same again! This is the book that was so popular in comic shops that we couldn't keep it a secret from the newsstands — so it's available there now, too! "Shadow of the Makers" is written by PETER B. GILLIS, penciled by KELLEY JONES, inked by BRUCE PATTERSON . . . and it's got a special, painted cover by original Micronauts artist MICHAEL GOLDEN!

**DOCTOR WHO** #1 — He's a slightly eccentric, jelly-bean-eating time-traveler — and now he's got his own monthly Marvel comic! He's Doctor Who, of course, and if you want to find out why his British TV show is the longest running in BBC history . . . read this comic! This issue features the beginning of the *Starbeast* story, written by MILLS & WAGNER and illustrated by DAVE GIBBONS; plus "Return of the Daleks," written by STEVE MOORE and illustrated by DAVID LLOYD — plus an article on the history of Doctor Who illustrated by Thor artist WALT SIMONSON! And it's printed on Baxter paper, to boot!

### IRON MAN #187

- PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #95
- DEFENDERS #136
- STAR WARS #88
- ALPHA FLIGHT #15
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- DOCTOR WHO #1 — The star of the most popular TV show in Britain gets his own Marvel comic! See Hype Box.

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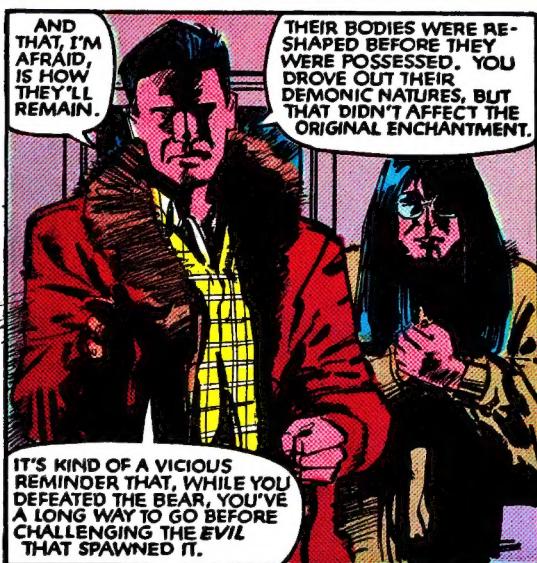
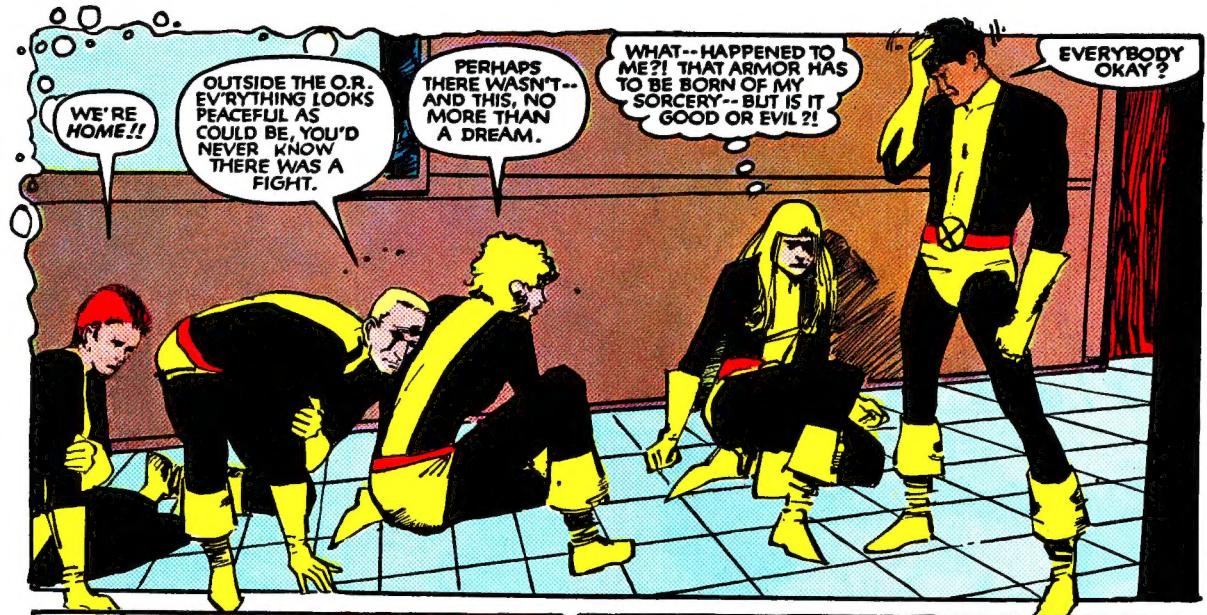
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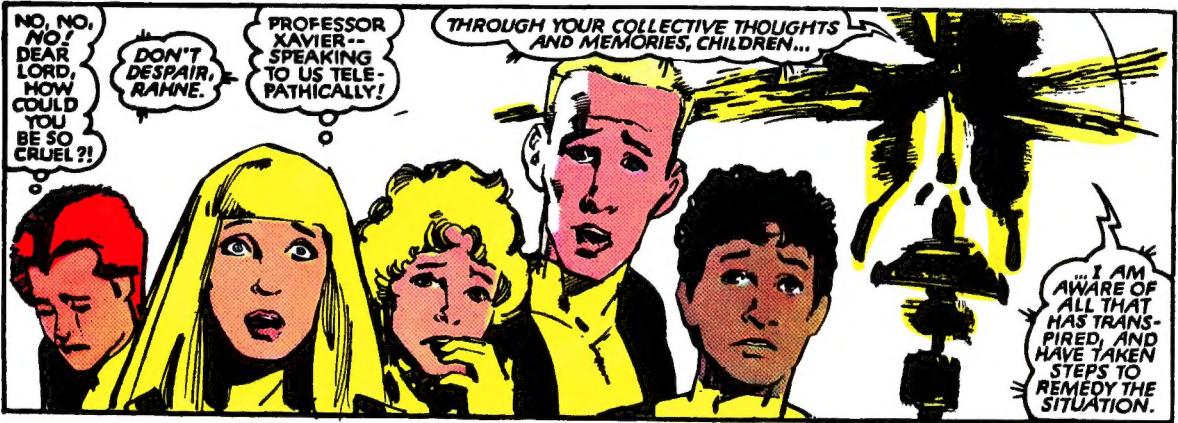
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- SUPERSPECIAL #32: THE MUPPETS TAKE MANHATTAN — The complete adaptation of the new Muppet movie!
- GRAPHIC NOVEL #11: DAZZLER: THE MOVIE — The Dazzler's mutant powers are revealed to the world! Written by JIM SHOOTER, penciled by FRANK SPRINGER and inked by VINCE COLLETTA!







WE WEREN'T KILLED, BUT ENSLAVED -- TRANSFORMED INTO THE DEMON BEAR YOU FOUGHT, A FOUL CORRUPTION OF OUR SACRED SYMBOL OF COURAGE AND INTEGRITY. WE WERE MEANT TO DO THE SAME TO YOU, ONLY MY FATHER'S -- YOUR GRANDFATHER, BLACK EAGLE'S-- SPELLS KEPT US AT BAY.

WE TRIED TO RESIST, DANI-- BUT WE WERE HELPLESS. OUR 'MASTER' ENJOYED MAKING US SUFFER. OUR ANGUISH WAS ITS PLEASURE.

WHAT WAS IT, DAD?! WHAT'S BEHIND THIS-- AND WHY?!!

I WISH I KNEW, ROBERTO. BUT THE OCCULT IS NOT MY FIELD-- AND WILLIAM, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE BLOOD BROTHERS, HAS NOT BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING.

HE'S PROTECTING US-- THE MORE WE LEARN, HE BELIEVES, THE MORE DANGER WE'LL BE IN. CONSIDERING THE MALEVOLENT NATURE AND POWER OF THE SORCERY INVOLVED, I THINK I'LL ALERT STEPHEN STRANGE. THIS IS A THREAT BEST HANDLED BY THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS.

PROFESSOR XAVIER, WHAT ABOUT OFFICER CORSI AND NURSE FRIED-LANDER?



THERE ARE NO SPELLS ON THEM FOR MY SOULSWORD TO BREAK, AMARA-- BELIEVE ME, I'VE LOOKED.



ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR STEPHEN. I PRAY HIS SKILLS ARE EQUAL TO THE TASK.

EVERY BATTLE-- EVERY VICTORY-- EXACTS A PRICE. OCCASIONALLY-- THOUGH WE WISH IT OTHERWISE-- FROM INNOCENTS.



NEXT ISSUE

ENTER **WARLOCK!** *And* **Slumber Party!**

